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Classified By: Ambassador David Hale for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(S) Post conveyed reftel points to the Foreign Minister's private office. In a series of other meetings, senior Government of Jordan officials have informed the Ambassador that it remains a matter of when, not if, the GOJ will recognize the independence of Kosovo. In the interim, Foreign Minister Salah Al-Bashir informed the Ambassador he will authorize Jordan's UN PermRep to meet Kosovar officials in New York. The GOJ would also consider a request to receive a Kosovar delegation in Amman, but suggests such a visit be below the level of Foreign Minister. The GOJ has been unwilling to act on its own initiative in recognizing Kosovo and GOJ officials have been non-committal on the issue in interactions with U.S. diplomats. FM Bashir and Chief of the Royal Court Bassem Awadallah previously indicated that Jordan needed to wait for an OIC or Arab League decision before making a decision of its own.  
Hale